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**MOSCOW, KOREAN EXCHANGES OFFER T+0**

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- Currently, Moscow Exchange (MOEX) and Korea Exchange (KRX) offer same-day settlement for certain securities | P15

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## NIA conducts searches in K'taka, TN in cafe blast case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga/Chennai

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday conducted searches in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in connection with the Bengaluru cafe blast case.

In Karnataka, a team of about 15 officials from Bengaluru and Mumbai conducted searches at Soppugudde, Bettamakki and Indira Nagar at Thirthahalli in Shivamogga district.

One of the suspects in the case is from Thirthahalli. He went missing three years ago. Similar searches were conducted in Bengaluru and Hubballi, according to sources.

In Chennai, searches were conducted at multiple locations, including Old Washermanpet, Mannadi and Royapettah.

Searches were also conducted at the residences of one Shiek Dawood and his father in Ramanathapuram. Mobile phones and electronic equipment were seized during the searches.

Sources said the NIA officials had searched Shiek's house twice earlier.

The blast in Bengaluru, which left several injured, was allegedly orchestrated by Musavir Hussain Shazib of Thirthahalli.

During investigation, the NIA found that Shazib, along with his associate Abdul Mathern Taha, stayed in lodges in Triplicane, Chennai, for nearly a month before carrying out the attack.

Both the accused were under the NIA's wanted list for their alleged involvement in an explosion in 2020.

**SAFFRON HEADS**

Former CM BS Yediyurappa and BJP candidate for Belagavi Lok Sabha seat Jagadish Shettar during a campaign rally in Belagavi city on Wednesday | EXPRESS | P4

## 5 Cong legislators march to Soudha, threaten to quit over Kolar seat pick

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI/
V VELAYUDHAM @ Bengaluru/Kolar

THE CONGRESS suffered a big jolt on Wednesday with the rift over the party's candidate for Kolar LS seat reaching Vidhana Soudha. High drama prevailed there as five Congress legislators of former speaker Ramesh Kumar faction threatened to resign if the party selected food and civil supplies minister KH Muniyappa's son-in-law Chikkapeddanna for the seat. Higher education minister Dr MC Sudhakar too was among them.

The JDS-BJP alliance is likely to take advantage of this opportunity as Muniyappa hails from the SC (left) community, which has a large number of voters in the old Mysuru region. It may even reach out to Chikkapeddanna, according to sources. After learning that the party high command has decided to choose Chikkapeddanna for Kolar, the Congress MLAs, including Dr Sudhakar, K Y Nanje Gowda and Kotturu Majunath, and MLCs Nazeer Ahmed and Anil Kumar rushed to the chambers of the Speaker and Council chairman to submit their resignation letters.

As Speaker UT Khader was in Mangaluru, the legislators even tried to book a flight to meet him to submit their resignation letters, the sources said.

Nazeer and Anil met Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti at his chamber and informed him about their decision.

Meanwhile, Kolar district incharge minister Byrati Suresh rushed to Vidhana Soudha and promised the disgruntled legislators that the issue will be resolved by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar once they returned from their tour of Mysuru and coastal Karnataka, respectively. "They came with signed papers but did not hand them over to me," Horatti told reporters when asked whether the MLCs misused his position for political reasons.

"There is opposition (to the candidature of Muniyappa's son-in-law who hails from the SC-left category). The legislators from Kolar want a candidate from the SC-right category for the seat," said Siddaramaiah, admitting to dissidence in the Kolar Congress unit. P6

CM Siddaramaiah with DCM DK Shivakumar in Mysuru | EXPRESS

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> Siddaramaiah, CM

LIQUOR POLICY CASE

# KEJRIWAL GETS NO INTERIM RELIEF FROM HIGH COURT

Wife Sunita claims he would do a 'big expose' on the scam in court today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

WHILE arrested Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal did not get immediate relief from the Delhi High Court on Wednesday, his wife Sunita claimed he would do a "big expose" on the alleged excise policy scam in court the next day.

She was apparently referring to his production in a city court on the conclusion of his custodial remand with the Enforcement Directorate on Thursday. Sunita made the statement after meeting her husband in jail.

In the Delhi High Court, Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma refused to interfere with Kejriwal's arrest and issued notice to the ED on his plea for interim relief of release. It asked the ED to file its reply before April 2. The hearing would begin on April 3.

"Any order passed in the application for interim release of the petitioner, pending disposal of his main petition without calling for reply of ED at this stage would rather amount to deciding the main petition itself," the judge said.

In a related development, Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena said the Delhi government will not be run from jail, though AAP leaders claim Kejriwal will continue as chief minister even if he is under custody.

Rebutting the L-G's statement, AAP leader and Delhi minister Atishi wondered in an interview to PTI, "what is the constitutional provision he is drawing on? The law of the country is very clear. You have the GNCTD Act which is very clear that you cannot be the chief minister if you do not enjoy the majority of the House. These conditions do not apply. So, under what conditions will President's Rule be imposed?"

There was ample drama in the Delhi legislative assembly, as the AAP MLAs stormed into the well of the House raising slogans against the Centre and demanding Kejriwal's release. The House was adjourned till April 1.

## GOVT RAPS U.S. ENVOY FOR COMMENTS ON DELHI CM

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

A day after a US spokesperson commented on the arrest of Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, saying they hoped his trial was fair, India objected to it and summoned their acting Deputy Chief of Mission Gloria Barbena. The meeting is said to have lasted for 40 minutes. "We take strong objection to the remarks of the spokesperson of the US State Department about certain legal proceedings in India," said Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal. In diplomacy, states are expected to be respectful of the sovereignty and internal affairs of others. "This responsibility is even more so in the case of fellow democracies. It could otherwise end up setting unhealthy precedents," said Jaiswal.

Lokayukta team raided this office of an executive engineer in Chikkaballapur on Wednesday | EXPRESS

## Raids on 13 officials unearth assets of ₹36 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SLEUTHS of Karnataka Lokayukta on Wednesday unearthed disproportionate assets (DA) worth Rs 36 crore allegedly possessed by 13 government officials in 12 districts.

This excludes bank lockers since investigations are on. Interestingly, an Assistant Regional Transport Officer was found possessing 48 acres of agricultural land in Bidar.

The sleuths raided 62 places, including the residences and offices of the officials and their relatives, across the state.

Nagarajappa, Assistant Director, Town Planning, Magadi Planning Authority, allegedly possessed the highest DA of Rs 11.13 crore, followed by Rs 7.14 crore by Ranganatha SP, Chief Engineer, Yelahanka Zone, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

Nagarajappa owned Rs 10.37 crore immovable assets, including a site, six houses, three acres of farm land and movable assets worth Rs 76.50 lakh which include Rs 11.50 lakh cash, Rs 25 lakh worth ornaments and vehicles worth Rs 40 lakh.

Ranganatha allegedly possessed Rs 5.28 crore DA. He owned Rs 6.15 crore worth immovable assets such as two sites, two houses, two commercial complexes and 2.5 acres of land.

In addition, he owned movable assets worth Rs 98.86 lakh which include Rs 7 lakh cash, ornaments worth Rs 31.86 lakh, vehicles worth Rs 36 lakh and fixed deposits of Rs 24 lakh.

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# 'Dy commander' among 6 Maoists killed in C'garh

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

SECURITY forces on Wednesday gunned down six Maoists, including two women, in a fierce exchange of fire at Chipurbhatti area of Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district.

The slain Naxalites were identified as members of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army (PLGA), the armed wing of the outlawed Communist Party of India (Maoist). PLGA's 'deputy commander' of Punem Nagesh was among those killed. His wife Vetti Soni, who was an active member of the militia, and another female cadre were also killed.

Sources said Nagesh was instrumental in carrying out several deadly attacks on security forces in the past.

According to police, the encounter happened during the search operation of a joint team of the District Reserve Guard and the elite CoBRA unit of the CRPF. The team reached the area after the Maoists killed three villagers on Monday, accusing them of being police informers.

"The security forces moved out on the operation on Tuesday late night following a tip-off about the presence of Maoists in the region. The gunfight occurred between the forces and the Platoon No. 10 of the PLGA near the Talperu river," a police officer told this newspaper.

**₹14 LAKH BOUNTY**

The six slain Naxalites collectively carried a bounty of ₹14 lakh on them. 'Deputy commander' Punem Nagesh and his wife carried rewards of ₹5 lakh and ₹2 lakh on their heads, respectively

The forces recovered six bodies and efforts are on to trace and capture the injured Maoists. Police sources said several Maoists sustained injuries in the exchange of gunfire and fled the scene. The forces also recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition and items for daily use from near the encounter site.

"A carbine gun, factory-made 9 mm pistol, country-made 9 mm pistol, 12 bore gun, muzzle-loading gun, 10 live cartridges of SLR, two tiffin bombs, gelatin sticks, safety fuses, Maoist bags, medicines and other items of daily use were also seized from the spot," news agency Press Trust of India quoted Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P as saying.

So far this year, 32 Maoists have been killed by security forces in encounters while 167 rebels have been arrested in the Bastar zone.

263/5
The previous record was held by Royal Challengers Bengaluru who posted 263/5 against Pune Warriors in 2013 | P17
In what was a batting paradise, Sunrisers Hyderabad posted the highest IPL total ever (277/3) against Mumbai Indians on Wednesday. A look
RECORD RUNS
TRAVIS TURNS HEADS
Playing in his first match for SRH, Travis Head did not disappoint as he went on a carnage, smashing a 17-ball fifty. His onslaught in the powerplay set the tone as the Australian hit 62 off just 24 balls
ABHISHEK, KLAASEN JOIN PARTY
Once Head got out, Abhishek Sharma (63 off 23) and Heinrich Klaasen (80 n.o off 34 balls) kept the momentum going as debutant Kwena Maphaka was taken for cleaners. Barring Jasprit Bumrah (0/36), no one was spared as SRH posted the highest total in the history of the league

# EC sends notice to Supriya, Dilip

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India on Wednesday sent show cause notices to Congress leader Supriya Shrinate and BJP leader Dilip Ghosh for their controversial comments on actor Kangana Ranaut and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The ECI in its notice said the remarks by Supriya and Dilip were found to be in violation of provisions of the Model Code of Conduct. It sought their responses by 5 pm on March 29. Supriya in her social media account had posted a picture of Kangana with the nasty caption asking what was the going rate at the mandi (market). It came after Kangana was named the BJP candidate for the Mandi Lok Sabha seat. Following an uproar, Supriya deleted the post and said, "Many people have access to my Facebook and Instagram accounts. Someone from them made an extremely inappropriate post today."

West Bengal BJP leader Dilip Ghosh on March 26 said, "When Didi goes to Goa, she calls herself the daughter of Goa. When she goes to Tripura, she says that she is the daughter of Tripura. She should first identify her own father."

Supriya Shrinate and Dilip Ghosh

CLIMATE CHANGE

## *Himalayan region vulnerable to disasters: Study*

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

RESEARCHERS have found that the Himalayan region in India is highly vulnerable to disasters not only because of climate change but also due to population pressure.

From 2013 to 2022, the region recorded 44% of all the disasters that occurred in the country. The region saw 192 incidents of floods, landslides and thunderstorms during the period.

Members from the Centre for Science and Down to Earth magazine, who prepared a report, said torrential rains and cloudbursts in 2022 and 2023 were a precursor to more such disasters in the future.

Kiran Pandey, head of CSE's Environment Resources Unit, said, "We assessed data related to disasters that occurred from 2013. Multiple studies have indicated that the region is vulnerable for disasters. There will be more disasters in the coming times."

Kiran said from April 2021 to 2022, 41 incidents of landslides were reported in the country. Of them, 38 occurred in the region. Sikkim reported the highest of 11 such incidents.

She said, "What is more worrying is the human activities and population pressure on the region. Of the 14 cities, including Shimla, Agartala, Shillong, Dehradun and Nainital, in 11 states that were part of the study, it was found that the rise in population was much higher than the national average. To address the impact of population, these cities were supposed to prepare master plans. However, it was found that seven cities were yet to prepare draft master plans till Feb 2024." P5

EXPRESS READ

**YouTube removes 2.2 million videos in India**

NEW DELHI: YouTube removed over 2.25 mn videos in India between Oct and Dec 2023 for violations. 96% of videos were flagged by machines.

**Five-day heat wave alert for North Karnataka**

BENGALURU: IMD issued a heat wave alert for most parts of North Karnataka for the next five days. Temperatures will rise by 2-3 degrees Celsius in most places and will go up by 4-5 degrees Celsius in north-interior Karnataka. P5